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SUBJECT: HOST COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE

REF: STATE 189095

ANSWER TO REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

A) 3RD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE ON ALL VEHICLES IS
COMPULSORY ACCORDING TO ROAD TRAFFIC ACT OF 1963;

B) MINIMUM COVERAGE IS US\$2400 FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE AND
UNLIMITED LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY; INSURANCE IS
MANDATORY FOR ALL PERSONS OWNING MOTOR VEHICLES
INCLUDING DIPLOMATS; CARS CANNOT BE REGISTERED
WITHOUT A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE.

C) N/A

D) N/A

E) ACCORDING TO LOCAL INSURANCE COMPANY THERE ARE FEW
INSTANCES THIS COULD HAPPEN SUCH AS PARTY INVOLVED
NOT REPORTING ACCIDENT TO INSURANCE COMPANY AND AS
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RESULT OTHER PARTY DEALING DIRECTLY WITH COMPANY;

F) YES

G) INSURANCE COMPANY PAYS AND TRIES TO COLLECT FROM
POLICY HOLDER. IT IS NOT STANDARD PRACTICE TO
WAIVE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. ADMIN DISCUSSED THIS

WITH MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND ITS REPLY
WAS THAT SINCE INSURANCE IS MANDATORY THIS QUESTION
HAS NOT COME UP. ONLY ONE FATAL ACCIDENT HAS OCCURED
WITHIN DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED
WITH INSURANCE COMPANY;

H) MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SAID THERE IS NO
NEED FOR THIS SINCE THERE ARE MANY INSURANCE COMPANIES
AVAILABLE.

I) NO

K) NO

L) NO, THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY REPORTED CASES OF
WAIVING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY BY ANY OF THE MISSIONS
IN LILONGWE. ALL CLAIMS INVOLVING LIABILITY HAVE
BEEN SETTLED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY. THE MINISTRY
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICIAL TOLD ADMIN THIS HAS NEVER
COME UP BECAUSE OF MANDATORY INSURANCE ON ALL
VEHICLES;

M) YES

N) NOT NEEDED BECAUSE OF MANDATORY INSURANCE. STEVENSON

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